

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending.

A statement claiming priority to the parent applications has been added.

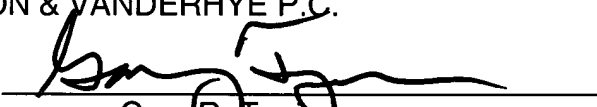
The International Search Report and Forms PTO-1449 are attached. The references listed on the Forms PTO-1449 were submitted by Applicant or cited by the Examiner in Appln. No. 08/817,719, which is relied upon for priority. Therefore, no additional copies are provided in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(d).

Applicants earnestly solicit an early and favorable examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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